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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO OAU ADMIN SEC GEN DELIVERED

REF: STATE 275188

1. I DELIVERED TYPED COPY OF THE SECRETARY'S SUBJECT MESSAGE PERSONALLY TO ETEKI M'BOUMOUA IN HIS OAU OFFICE AT NOON TODAY, NOV. 21.

2. AFTER READING THE MESSAGE VERY CAREFULLY, ETEKI EXPRESSED APPROVAL FOR THE POSITION OF THE USG ON ANGOLA AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO FIND TIME SOON TO REPLY TO THE LETTER. FYI: ETEKI IS DUE TO LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON FOR ALGIERS TO ATTEND AN AFRICAN TRADE MINISTERS CONFERENCE. END FYI.

3. ETEKI THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT "WE" ARE VERY ANNOYED WITH REGARD TO ANGOLA, AND REFERRED TO WHAT HE CALLED "SOVIET ESCALATION" THERE. ETEKI ADDED, PUCKISHLY, THAT HE HOPED USG WOULD NOT FEEL CALLED UPON TO "DO OPPOSIT" BY WHICH I THINK HE MEANT OPENLY BACK FNLA/UNITA. I REFERRED TO US POSITION DESCRIBED IN LETTER AND OTHER STATEMENTS AND SAID IT WAS TAKEN AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IS RIGHT.

4. ETEKI SAID THAT ANGOLAN "RECOGNITION ISSUE" COULD UNNECESSARILY FURTHER COMPLICATE SITUATION. HE THOUGHT OAU MIGHT BE IN POSITION CONVEENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OR MINISTERIAL COUNCIL--HE COULD NOT YET BE SURE WHICH--SHORTLY. AT PRESENT  
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SECRETARIAT HAD RECEIVED 22-24 FAVORABLE REPLIES ON SUMMIT.

IT NEEDED 31 TO CALL THE MEETING. ETEKI FELT HE COULD CONVENE THE PARTICIPANTS WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER A QUORUM HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED IN FAVOR OF THE MEETING.

5. NOTHING WAS SAID BY EITHER SIDE ABOUT PUBLICATION OF THE LETTER (IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CLASSIFY, IT WAS TYPED HERE WITHOUT CLASSIFICATION). WE DOUBT THAT OAU WILL PUBLISH (THEY DID NOT PUBLISH SOVIET NOTE) AND ETEKI LIKELY TO MAKE USE OF IT, AT LEAST INITIALLY, IN LIMITED AND CONFIDENTIAL CONTEXT TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM EFFECT. IF DEPT. WISHES TO PUBLISH, STRONGLY RECOMMEND ADVANCE NOTICE BE GIVEN TO ETEKI.  
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